

# FILLMORE CITY PUBLIC HEARING

May 12, 2015

*Minutes of the special public hearing of the Fillmore City Council held May 12, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Fillmore City Building. Notice of the time and place of the meeting was posted on the Utah State Public Notice website, the Fillmore City website, the Council Chambers, the City Office bulletin board, and the President Millard Fillmore Library. Notice was also provided to the Chronicle-Progress, radio station KMTI, and each member of the governing body on May 8, 2015.*

Those present were:

Mayor:	Eugene R. Larsen	Council:	Michael D. Holt
Attorney:	Greg Greathouse		N. Wayne Jackson
Recorder:	Kevin Orton		Eric R. Jenson
			Deborah S. Oeppinger (excused)
			Michael K. Rhinehart

Others: Don Edwards, Carl Camp, Baden Davies, Tiffany Davies, Ted Dearden, L. Brinkerhoff, Hannah Jones, Bart Whatcott, Ian Adams, Don Thompson, Brandon Bartholomew.

6:32 p.m. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Larsen

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment regarding the appropriation of municipal funds for the construction of a splash pad.

*Mayor Larsen –*

Fillmore City as a rule does not compete with any businesses. These include, but are not limited to motels, restaurants, and swimming pools. This rule has guided the belief that attaching the splash pad to the pool will benefit the pool as opposed to competing with it. Attaching the splash pad to the pool with a fence around it will ensure safety and prevent vandalism. The city splash pad will be a closed system pad. These require bathrooms and showers within 150 feet of the splash pad. Attaching to the pool will ensure this requirement is met.

Public Comment

*Don Edwards –*

An artist's rendition of the splash pad was shown to the public. Dimensions and size of the pad and its components were explained. The surface is non-slip cement with an acrylic coating. It circulates 250 gallons per minute. There are 32 nozzles and LED lights embedded. The dumping bucket at the top of the tower will be timed. The UV sanitation system will meet health code requirements, and will keep users from getting sick. This will be among the nicest splash pads in the state of Utah.

50 *Bart Whatcott-*

51 The pool's hours will be extended to close at 9:00 PM. The splash pad will be open  
52 during all pool hours.

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54 Don Thompson asked what the estimated cost per month will be. Mr. Edwards  
55 estimated the monthly cost to be between two hundred to three hundred dollars for a  
56 pad this size. It was asked if the water was free considering the city owns the splash  
57 pad. Mayor Larsen said that legally the city has to pay for the water. The cost of the  
58 water is in addition to the estimated two hundred to three hundred dollars monthly cost.  
59 Water usage varies due to many factors including evaporation rate and the number of  
60 people taking away water every time they leave the pad. It is estimated that the pad  
61 will use between eight thousand and ten thousand gallons of water every month.

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63 *Bart Whatcott-*

64 The county will extend the hours of the pool to accommodate the splash pad. The  
65 charge to use the pool is going to be 50 cents per person. The city will maintain the pad.  
66 The Health Department will require a CPO (certified pool operator) for maintenance.  
67 That cost will be over and above the two hundred to three hundred dollars monthly  
68 cost. An additional ten dollars will be charged to a pool season pass to include the  
69 splash pad. The fees charged will help offset any additional costs the county may incur.  
70 There will be no additional insurance costs.

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72 The estimated cost of the total project including the fence is \$125,000. This amount is  
73 what the council has appropriated, however, it is only an estimate and bids are out and  
74 will be opened in the May 19, 2015 regular council meeting.

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76 A lengthy discussion ensued with many people offering comments, and the following  
77 points were made:

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79 • Food will be allowed in the splash pad area.
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81 • The question was asked, "The county already has certified pool people, why not  
82 use them to maintain the pad?" Mr. Whatcott responded by saying that he  
83 would need to take that up with the commissioners.
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85 • Several Fillmore parents take their children to other splash pads. The pads that  
86 are included with a pool seem to be much more popular because they appeal to  
87 kids of all ages.
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89 • To winterize the pad, all water will be blown out of the nozzles before it gets  
90 cold and antifreeze is added to the lines.
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92 • The county will assist in advertising, and those funds will be used by tax money  
93 paid from Fillmore City residents.
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95 • People will be encouraged to park in the parking area in front of the pool (on the  
96 west side of the building).

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98 Mayor Larsen reminded the public that the purpose of the hearing as advertised was to  
99 decide on appropriation of funds for the project. He asked if anyone was opposed to  
100 appropriating the funds to build it. No one was opposed.

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102 **ADJOURNMENT**

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104 **MOTION: To close the public hearing.**  
105 **By: Councilmember Jackson**  
106 **Second: Councilmember Jenson**  
107 **Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.**  
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109 The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. The next meeting will be held May 19, 2015 at  
110 6:30 p.m.

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114 APPROVED May19, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
115 Eugene R. Larsen, Mayor